

I just wanted to express my outrage, and more, my fear over the action being taken by Sinclair Broadcasting. I don't think anyone--regardless of their political persuasion--truly believes in their heart of hearts that the show they plan to air is anything other than a pure smear job meant to impact the presidential election. That's the cause of my outrage. My fear comes from the thought, "if something this blatant can happen at the time when there is the most scrutiny of the media, what happens when everyone is paying LESS attention?" This is wrong and it needs to be stopped--and in doing so, it'll send a message that this sort of thing will never be tolerated.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Please consider my comments and those of my fellow citizens--a.k.a., your bosses. I say that in a democratic sense, not in a sarcastic one.

Respectfully yours,
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